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1. On 3 November 1951, the Artillerie Kaserne on August Bebel Strasse in Frankfurt/Oder (O 53/V 63), was occupied by about 800 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia. About 200 troops engaged in formation and gun drill in the barracks yard, where 16 x 76-mm A4 guns were also parked. [redacted]

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2. On 3 November, the Buelow Kaserne on Fuerstenwalder Poststrasse quartered about 500 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank and artillery insignia. Twenty-four AT guns of 76.2-mm were parked in the yard on 2 November. [redacted]

3. Only several soldiers, who wore black-bordered red epaulets, and some women in uniform were seen in the northeastern section of the Eichhorn Kaserne on Muellroser Landstrasse between 1 and 10 November 1951. About 400 troops wearing black-bordered red epaulets were quartered in the southwestern section of the installation. About 120 soldiers were observed engaged in drill and throwing of hand grenades. About 100 troops were seen at rifle drill in groups on 2 November. [redacted]

4. T-34 tanks [redacted] were unloaded at the eastern ramp of Frankfurt/Oder railroad station on 30 October. They subsequently drove to the Hindenburg Kaserne via August Bebel Strasse. Additional T-34 tanks unloaded and moved to the Hindenburg Kaserne on 31 October. [redacted]

The noise of moving tanks was heard from the road between the eastern ramp and the Hindenburg Kaserne for a long time during the night of 31 October. On 3 November, the Hindenburg Kaserne was occupied by about 500 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. [redacted]

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5. On 3 and 9 November, officers continuously arrived at, and departed from, the Hofbauer Kaserne on Birnbaumuhlen-Wege. [redacted] Soldiers were seen repairing trucks in front of the armory. ELI and sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets.

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6. On 3 November, the Horn Kaserne on Mühner Chaussee was occupied by about 600 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, most of them with tank insignia. Several soldiers received instruction on a tank in the yard. About 70 soldiers organized into groups were engaged in rifle drill in the yard on 9 November. The cantonment near the Horn Kaserne quartered troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. [redacted]

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7. On 3 November, the Ziethen Kaserne on Kopernikusstrasse quartered about 700 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank and artillery insignia. An artillery piece of 76.2-mm, 1 light 37-mm AA gun, and 5 canvas-covered tanks were in the installation. About 25 soldiers were seen practicing with rifles and a small artillery piece on 9 November. [redacted]

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8. Between 4 and 10 November, about 50 soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets were seen at the kommandantura on Puschkinstrasse. About 20 to 25 soldiers were engaged in rifle drill on 4 and 10 November. Sedan [redacted] was repeatedly seen in front of the kommandantura.

9. About 450 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets marched from the Michhorn Kaserne to the railroad station via Muelleroser Landstrasse on 5 November.

10. All barracks buildings of the Ziethen Kaserne on Kopernikusstrasse were lighted in the evening of 5 November. All garages were occupied by motor vehicles. Six canvas-covered JS-II tanks were parked in the barracks yard. T-34 tank [redacted] and 18 trucks on blocks were near the tanks in front of the garages on 9 November. Troops were engaged only in policing their quarters. [redacted]

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11. The Buelow Kaserne on Fuerstenwalder Poststrasse was occupied to capacity on 5 November. JS-II tanks 1947, 1948, 1951 and 1957 were in the yard. Six other JS-II tanks, including 1944, 1949, 1951 and 1957, were in the yard on 9 November. Motor vehicles [redacted] were identified in traffic to and from the installation. Some of them were driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets.

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12. All barracks buildings of the Horn Kaserne on Mühner Chaussee were occupied to capacity on 5 November. About 800 troops were seen marching into the installation on 8 November. They had come from the city. Sixteen 76.2-mm artillery pieces, 5 T-34 tanks and 35 trucks were in the barracks yard. Motor vehicles [redacted] driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, were identified in the billeting area.

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13. Trucks [redacted] were seen driving from the Hofbauer Kaserne on Birnbaumuhlen-Wege to the railroad station and vice versa on 5, 6, and 10 November, carrying a total of 105 officers.

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14. On 8 November, about 1,200 troops escorted by a band marched into the Artillerie Kaserne on August Bebel Strasse, coming from the city. Fourteen 85-mm AA guns were parked in the barracks yard.

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15. The barracks buildings of the Hindenburg Kaserne on August Bebel Strasse were occupied to capacity on 5 November. T-34 tanks and trucks were in the garages. T-34 tanks were seen driving into the installation. On 8 November, 600 troops marched into the billeting area from the city.

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16. At 9 a.m. on 31 October 1951, about 500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were unloaded at the restricted area of the Frankfurt/Oder railroad station. The troops subsequently moved toward the Artillerie Kaserne. Their luggage was picked up by four trucks which also went to the Artillerie Kaserne. \*

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